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***Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage***  
***Public Hearing, AB 336***  
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Good morning Committee members. AB 336 deals with trolling, or trailing a lure or bait from a boat powered by a motor. Wisconsin statute 29.193 addresses trolling permits for disabled individuals, defining “disabled” as those with amputations or loss of an arm above the wrist, or permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms or one or both hands.

Earlier this year, the DNR implemented a trolling rule to allow anglers in Wisconsin the ability to troll for fish on inland waters statewide. However, this rule contains a 2018 sunset date. If this rule is allowed to sunset, the ability to troll would revert back to only those covered under the disabled definition in our statute.

This bill would codify blindness as a disability under chapter 29, allowing the visually impaired and an assistant to troll.

The Disability and Advisory Council met on July 23 and made a recommendation to accept this legislation. DNR biologists have also confirmed that no harmful biological effects to fisheries in lakes have occurred where trolling is legal. Per the DNR, trolling is broadly allowed in surrounding states and Canadian territories.

Thank you for the time to testify.